

New York - 19 July 1851.

me any service, or kindness, I have ventured to impute thus much upon your good nature. I enclose a letter to an old friend, Mr. Simon, who will put you in funds, for my account, but, if you should have drawn more than you require to spend, & wish to convert your Sterling into Dollars, I will pay you the equivalent here, on your arrival - In this, you will, of course, consult your own convenience, as it makes no difference whatever to me - Keep a mem. of what you spend for me, that I may know exactly what to remit to my friend Mr. Simon -

John & his wife, have just left the sea-side, & have gone up the river to Mr. Astor's place, where they will spend the remainder of the summer - Alida seems very feeble still, but is quite cheerful. I am housekeeper - at No. 15. West 21st St. My best love to dear Mr. Gray & much to your self - I long to see you both - As ever

Davison 109 Nassau St.

I have not seen Carrey, since my last - no heard from him - I am pretty well, thank God - but my eyes fail me badly - at times I shall see

My dear Gray - I wrote you a long letter on 10 June, with one or two little commissions to which I now desire to make some additions, as a note from Knott, received yesterday afternoon, informs me that you purpose sailing on the 23rd prox -

My son desires to complete a set of "The illustrated London news," which he began to take in November last - and as the publishers advertise the back vols. for sale, please to apply, at the office, for the first 16 vols. complete, & the numbers of the 17th vol. from the commencement of it, up to, & including No. 455 (16 Nov^r. 1850) with such supplements as there may be - If these odd numbers are not to be had, then buy the entire 17th vol. - John wishes the vols. stitched in paper wrappers only, in which state they are advertised at 13¹/₂ lbs. per. vol. and he has been told that if you write your own name

outside the wrappers, & bring them out with you, they will be admitted here free of duty - Please, therefore, take the trouble to do this, & as the vols. will occupy some space, you can have a box made expressly for them, at the publisher's office, if you think it may be more convenient for you -

In my last I believe I omitted to include Vol. 9. D.C. Prod. amongst those I have, as it was at my brother's - I recapitulate what I have, as follows -

Vars. 2. 7 (both parts) 8. 9. 12. 4, 13 (sect. 2.)
If you have picked up enough of the early vols. to make it worth while, please buy also Buck's index -

Supplements to Lindlicher - I want any published subsequent to the 3rd

Benthams description of Hartweg's plants - buy both parts for me. My brother also wishes me to enquire whether, as a purchaser of a set of the California specimens, he is not entitled

to a copy of the 2^d part, in which they are described -

Hooker & Arnott's British Flora - In a recent letter, Darlington speaks of this as "perfect in its kind" - please therefore buy for me the last (6th I believe) edition, if not exceeding 1 or 2 vols. & of moderate cost.

I have the 2^d vol. of D.C. Regni reg. Syst. Nat. & want to buy the first, if it turns up, reasonable. I care but little for this, however -

I want also like Drejer's Caricologia & his little Revision Crit. if you can get them, in London, readily - I suppose Goodenough's Carex paper is out of the question - Ask Baott.

Now, my dear Gray, these little orders will give you trouble, I well know, & also occupy time, of much value to you during your last month - but, as I know you to be a driving fellow, & am no less well convinced of your desire to do